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City Bus Transport.

* 182 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIYAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of profit, if any, that was derived by Government by its City Bus Transport undertaking; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to extend the scheme to the mufassal; and if not, why not?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) A statement[a] furnishing the information required is laid on the table of the House.

" (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to the Legislative Assembly Question No. 9 given on the floor of the House on the 1st July 1952 which is reproduced below :—

'Government have decided to defer extension of nationalization of motor transport outside Madras City for administrative and general policy considerations '."

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAYYA :—" లాభాలు ఎక్కువగా వస్తున్నాయంటున్నారు, కనుక సిటీలో బస్ రేట్లు తగ్గిస్తారా అని అడుగుతున్నాను."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" The hon. Member wants to know whether the Government will reduce the bus fares paid by passengers in view of the fact that the Government are making a profit? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" We shall consider the suggestion if the profits continue for all time."

SRI D. LAKSHMAYYA :—" On a point of order, అధ్యక్షా, గోపాల క్రిష్ణయ్యగారు తెలుగులో ప్రశ్న అడిగితే మంత్రిగారు ఇంగ్లీషులో సమాధానం ఇచ్చారు. మాబోటివారికి ఇంగ్లీషు రాదు. మంత్రిగారు ఏమి సమాధానమిస్తున్నారో మాకు అర్థం కావటంలేదు. ఇంగ్లీషు సమాధానాలను తెలుగులోకి తర్జుమా చేయిస్తేనే కాని మేము సభలో ఏంజరుగుతోందో తెలుసుకోలేము. ఈ విషయమై రెండు పర్యాయాలు జాబులు పంపుకొన్నాము. వాటికింకా జవాబు రాలేదు. ఈ విషయమై స్పీకర్‌గారు సౌకర్యాలు కలుగజేయాలి."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Sir, what the hon. Member says is this : When a question is asked in the Telugu language, the answer is given in the English language, and many of us do not understand the answer that has been given in the English language. It is very disadvantageous for all of us when a question is put in the Telugu language and answered in English. I request the Chair to make arrangements for translating the English answers also into Telugu."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government will arrange for the issue of monthly concessional bus passes to students and non-gazetted officers? "

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 896 infra.

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The matter was considered and for administrative reasons it was given up."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The Hon. Minister, in his reply, has stated that the policy of the Government is not to extend nationalization of motor transport outside Madras City. In view of the above general policy of the Government, will the Government also consider the question of abolishing nationalization of motor transport in the City and handing it over to private managements? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Notice."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" Sir, in the statement, furnishing the amount of profit derived by Government by the City Bus Transport undertaking, placed on the Table of the House, the Government have stated that in 1948–49 they got a profit of Rs. 8,59,296, that in 1949–50 they got a profit of Rs. 1,47,602, and that in 1950–51 they got a profit of Rs. 4,21,937. May I know whether the Hon. Minister has gone into the question of the reasons for the fall in the profits derived by the Government, and whether the Hon. Minister has gone through the Three-Man Committee Report appointed by the previous Government, in this connexion? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" So far I am aware, the answer is simple. The buses were new in 1947 and therefore we got large profits in that year. In 1951, the buses became old and required lot of repairs. The spare parts were also costly. Therefore the expenditure went up in 1951. That is the only answer I can give. I have studied the report of the Three-Man Committee. If the hon. Member puts any specific question I will answer it."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" On a point of information, Sir,
11-30 a.m. regarding the business of the House . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. Leader of the House will state the programme of business to-morrow."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" Will there be any non-official day during this sitting? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" When the programme of business is announced to-morrow, the hon. Member will be in a position to know whether there is a non-official day or not."

III.—VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 1952–53—*cont.*

(1) DEMAND XXI—INDUSTRIES—*cont.*

SRI P. S. RANGASWAMI NAIDU :—" கனம் தலைவர் அவர்களே, இப்பொழுது இந்த தொழில் இலாகா மான்யத்தை ஆதரிக்கிறேன். கனம் தொழில் மந்திரி அவர்கள் தமது பிரசங்கத்தில் இந்த மான்யத்தைப் பொறுத்த வரையில் பல விதமான பிரிவுகளைப்பற்றியும் குறிப்பிட்டார்கள்.